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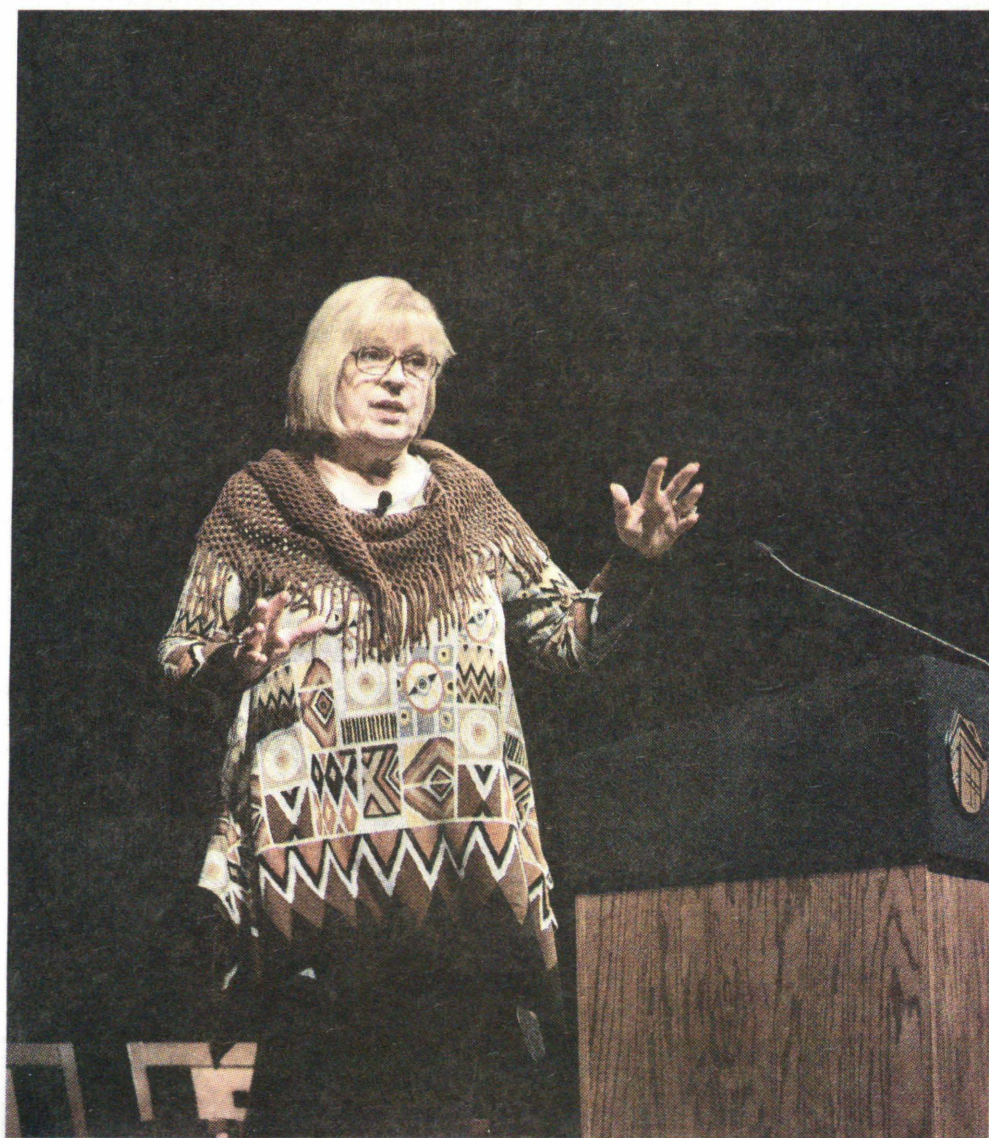


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Psychologist holds stress, depression workshop on campus



BRITTNEY GARRINGER | THE BISON

On Feb. 4, Dr. Margaret Wehrenberg, a psychologist from Naperville, Illinois, spoke on campus about stress, anxiety and depression. Wehrenberg aimed to inform both the student body and trained professionals.

By Anna Winchester
Student Writer

Dr. Margaret Wehrenberg, a licensed clinical psychologist in Naperville, Illinois, spoke on campus Thursday, Feb. 4, as a part of the Relational Health Initiative.

Wehrenberg spoke in chapel, conducted a workshop in Cone Chapel and held an open forum in the Administration Auditorium. Several students attended the workshop to learn techniques they will use in their future careers.

The Professional Counseling Center and its Relational Health Initiative hosted Dr. Wehrenberg to speak on stress, anxiety and depression. Wehrenberg provided a packet to those who attended her workshop that included "The 10 Best-Ever Anxiety Treatment Techniques."

Professor of psychology Kathy Howard attended the workshop along with some of her undergraduate and graduate students, other professors and community mental health counselors. According to Howard, Wehrenberg's presentation provided understanding for causation and intervention of anxiety, stress and depression.

"Stress, especially, is a universal experience and very

relevant to the life of most college students," Howard said. "This seminar was relevant to professionals and students in training, but also those that are not majoring in the helping profession could benefit from the practical suggestions. Dr. Wehrenberg did an excellent job speaking to not only students but also professionals in the field."

Arielle Saunders, a graduate student in the Marriage and Family Therapy program, said Wehrenberg informed but also engaged the audience by teaching them techniques and exercises to assist those with anxiety.

"Anxiety and stress are increasingly prevalent topics in our society, so we all need to be aware of how to prevent them and effectively cope with them," Saunders said. "Dr. Wehrenberg's seminar did a wonderful job of increasing knowledge of those areas in an enjoyable way."

As a double major in psychology and Spanish, junior Katie Finch found Wehrenberg's workshop coincided with what she has learned in the classroom. Finch said she learned tips to keep herself free of stress in her future career, as well as ways to help future clients.

"(Wehrenberg) spoke about panic attacks, but also how that relates to anxiety and stress in general and as counselors what we can do to help our clients," Finch said. "She also talked about what we can do as counselors to help our own stress and anxiety in between sessions and how to keep ourselves healthy, because if you're not healthy you can't help those who aren't healthy. It will help me manage stress and anxiety better in my future career and be the best helper I can be for everyone else as well."

Junior Melita Sutherland attended the workshop with her Christian Counseling class. Sutherland, an early childhood education major, said the workshop gave her tips she can use in her future career, such as the different breathing techniques Wehrenberg explained.

"She is a great speaker," said Sutherland. "She talked a lot about personal experiences and told stories. She talked about an anxiety attack, the way your brain talks to you in short sentences with lots of negative thoughts. She said anxiety is common and a lot of people go through it, so we shouldn't be embarrassed to talk about it."

McLarty addresses LGBT policies, views at Harding

By Hannah Moore
Beat Reporter

In Dec. 2015, the Human Rights Campaign released a study that revealed more than 30 colleges nation-wide had obtained a religious waiver for Title IX, the anti-discrimination law, since 2013. Part of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX states "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." Critics of these religious waivers claim that they are an attempt to discriminate against LGBT individuals based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

University President Dr. Bruce McLarty said that through societal changes, Harding's convictions about gender identity and sexual orientation have remained the same.

"The social and political context has significantly changed in recent years regarding LGBT issues," McLarty said. "Harding has not changed. We believe that human sexuality is a holy matter and that sex outside the covenant of marriage is contrary to the will of God. We also believe that the Bible teaches that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman. Our hiring and housing policies are founded on these principles."

Sophomore Cameron Ross, a political science major, said that colleges should be able to choose ideal candidates for faculty positions based on their religious convictions.

"I feel that religious organizations should be able to restrict who they hire if a certain applicant's lifestyle conflicts with the organization's basic beliefs," Ross said. "Professors and staff members at colleges have much more influence over students than even they realize. Christian universities should not be forced to hire someone if their lifestyle choice is in disagreement with Biblical teachings. As representatives of the university, employees should display the same character that the university wishes to display."

Joseph Chavarria, December 2015 graduate and co-founder of Searcy Outsiders, said that religion and sexual orientation do not have to be at odds. According to Chavarria, Searcy Outsiders is a group that thrives on human diversity and authenticity and fosters friendship, mentorship and discussion.

"Faith and sexuality can reconcile when we realize that one does not have to be entirely their sexuality and one does not have to be entirely their faith," Chavarria said. Chavarria said that LGBT discrimination is even to the teachings of Jesus.

"If you were a sinner – if you were someone that was imperfect – Jesus wanted you in his company," Chavarria said. "His

fellowship was not contingent on their behavior. The conservative Christian fellowship system is very much based on behavior. If you do not act correctly, you're not invited in. It also comes from an elitist perspective of Christianity, that somehow because you have it right, you have the right to badger someone about it, the right to insult them and the right to discriminate against them. None of these are consistent with the tenets of Christ."

According to Chavarria, religious colleges such as Harding will have to confront the issue of LGBT discrimination sooner or later.

"It's something that's avoided usually," Chavarria said. "There's a growing amount of stress that I can sense on the populous of Harding as society begins to delve deeper into civil rights with LGBT people. It's inevitable and they'll feel that stress eventually."

According to McLarty, Harding has not obtained a Title IX waiver but may choose to get one at some point in the future.

"In this country, a private religious school has the liberty to stand on its own convictions," McLarty said. "While some will disagree with us on these matters, we seek to treat everyone with dignity and respect. We want all people, however they might feel about our convictions, to experience love in their dealings with Harding University."



Courtesy of Senator Boozman's Office

Dr. Bruce McLarty meets with Senator John Boozman about religious liberties on Jan. 27. According to McLarty, Harding has not obtained a waiver to Title IX.

Pepperdine University to join Harding on Ensenada mission trip

By Alex Wingrove
Student Writer

Harding's City of Children spring break mission team is joining with a team from Pepperdine University for this year's trip. The two teams will be traveling together to Ensenada, Mexico from Feb. 27 through March 4.

According to junior Jenna Harris, one of the leaders for the year's trip, the City of Children is a safe haven in Mexico for homeless children from birth to 18 years old. Some children are orphans, while others have families who cannot financially support them

or who are not allowed to have custody of them.

Harris said that different groups arrive to work with the City of Children each week of the year to serve in the compound, provide the children with a Vacation Bible School and take advantage of various other mission opportunities. Harris said the teams choose where they want to serve, but are there, for the most part, to interact with the kids.

"The purpose of the groups is just to come in and teach and expose the kids to different love and affirmation, and also to give the groups that are

coming in an opportunity to see a different culture," Harris said.

Harris said the two schools will try to blend as much as they can. Once they arrive in Mexico, they will go over the curriculum, collaborate, teach it to each other and then have unified teaching groups between the two teams. Harding's group will also divide up into eight small "family groups" each night.

"At the end of the day before a group devotional, we'll come together and kind of decompress from the day and say where we saw God, where we struggled with anything we were frustrated with, but mostly focus on

how God is moving in us and through the kids," Harris said. "That's a very beautiful time for the group, and we are hoping to incorporate Pepperdine (University) into that too."

Senior Dylan Prato, another leader for Harding's team, said that he is excited because teaming up with Pepperdine University gives him and the rest of the group an opportunity to meet more people.

"I'm not saying that people from the West Coast are extremely different than Southern people, but it is going to be different and nice," Prato said. "We don't completely know everybody in the group anyway, so it's just

a chance to intimately get to know people in a setting besides Harding."

Dusty Breeding, who is assisting with Pepperdine's campus ministry retreat, said that they are excited to combine with Harding. He also mentioned that trips outside the U.S. provide growing experiences for faith and cultural awareness.

"Being someone who is constantly seeking to grow and improve, I always enjoy service trips like this and think they play an important role in the development of our students," Breeding said. "I'm confident this trip will be a great opportunity for us to serve and grow."

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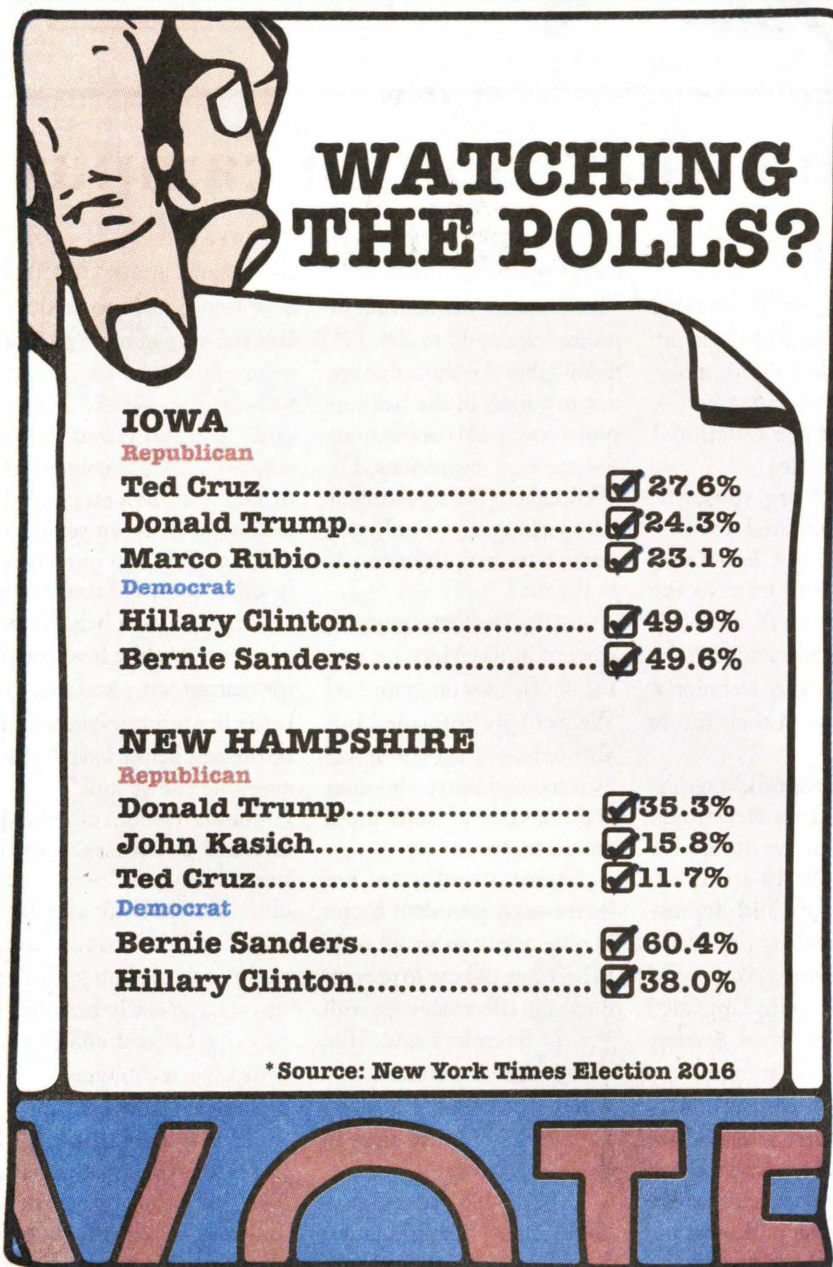
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Theatre department remembers Hunter, creates scholarship

By Madie McGuire
Student Writer

After the passing of Harding student Blake Hunter, his family requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Department of Theatre for a scholarship honoring Hunter's life. Hunter was involved in Spring Sing and theater productions throughout his time as a student.

"This is not the way that we wanted to start a theatre scholarship fund, but if it honors (Hunter) then that is what we will do because we loved him so much," Cindee Stockstill, producer of theatre, said.

After research, the department determined that \$25,000 is needed to start the scholarship.

Stockstill said that the theatre department will do everything they can to reach this goal.

Donations to the scholarship have not been limited to Harding affiliates. Hunter's high school football team set up a GoFundMe account with a goal of \$1,000, and they ended up exceeding this goal by \$500. The earnings were donated to the scholarship fund.

Donations are also flowing in from individuals or groups that were connected to the Hunter family in some way.

"Blake was so loved and so connected to many organizations on this campus," Stockstill said. "I don't think that we will have a problem raising the funds to make the scholarship."

Chili's of Searcy, Hunter's former workplace, hosted a fundraising

event on Feb. 4 to aid Hunter's scholarship by donating 20 percent of the night's earnings to the fund. The restaurant raised \$1,153.65 during the event. Chili's staff pledged to match the night's earnings and is currently working to raise those funds.

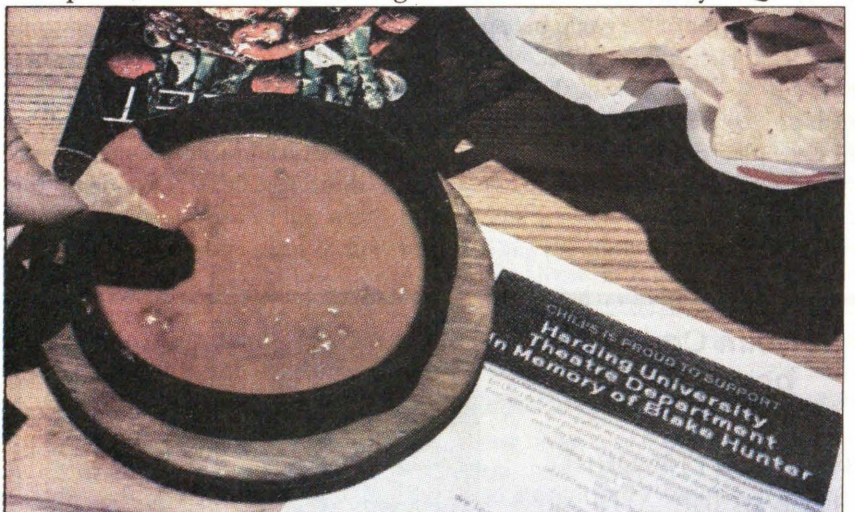
Senior Maisie Larson, a Chili's employee, was called in early to work because of the amount of people who came to support the fundraising event.

"When I arrived at 5 o'clock, there were over 100 people waiting to be seated and that number did not decrease until 9 o'clock," Larson said. "It was absolutely crazy, but being able to honor (Hunter) made it well worth it."

Savannah Steward, manager of Chili's, said that the total earnings of this fundraiser were three times more than any fundraiser that the restaurant has put on, with 309 transactions made. Steward came in on her day off just to be involved in honoring Hunter.

"It was one of those things where nobody cared about the amount of work it was," Steward said. "Nobody complained about how busy we were. We all just wanted to help."

Chili's is planning on having another fundraising night the week-end of Spring Sing. For those who were unable to attend and support the Blake Hunter Theatre Scholarship, the theatre department is still accepting donations. To donate, or for more information, call 501-279-5315 or visit bit.ly/1Q8B3ck.



EMILY EASON | The Bison

After the death of student Blake Hunter, the Department of Theatre created a memorial scholarship in his honor. Hunter was involved in multiple Spring Sing and theatre productions.

Politicians 'dishonest cookies,' Trump says

By Jordan Doyle
Beat Reporter

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump held a campaign rally at Barton Coliseum in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Feb. 3.

During his 50-minute speech Trump spoke on a variety of topics such as border control, Obamacare, education, terrorism and gun control. He spent the beginning of his speech discussing the Iowa caucus and his second-place loss to Ted Cruz.

According to the Associated Press, Cruz won the Iowa primary by 3.3 more voter percentage points than Trump. At the rally, Trump said he believes Cruz cheated in the caucus by fabricating votes.

"Oh, that voter fraud," Trump said at the rally. "These politicians are brutal. They are a bunch of dishonest cookies, I want to tell you. That's one of the reasons I'm doing this ... This political stuff is dangerous, and these

political people are really, really dishonest. It's unbelievable."

At the Republican debate on Feb. 6, Trump and Cruz were in the same place for the first time since the allegations were made. CNN said Cruz alluded to his focus being on the South Carolina primary.

With the New Hampshire primary completed on Feb. 9, the South Carolina primary is the next election for Republican presidential candidates. Junior Whitney McDonald, a student who attended Trump's Little Rock rally, said she hopes Trump does not have a second win in South Carolina.

"I feel like from the rally, he thinks he has a lot of supporters," McDonald said. "Obviously he does because he's ahead in the race, but I know so many people that do not care for him at all. I hope the actual feelings of the voters are shown in the primary."

McDonald said Trump's win in New Hampshire worries her because of what the

win could foreshadow in the presidential election.

"He's one step closer to the frontline of the race," McDonald said. "I just don't think he'd make a good president. To be president, you need to be not only smart about your decisions, but you need to be a compassionate and relatable person. The fact that he openly disrespects different races, ethnicities and genders shows that he's not compassionate."

Sophomore Karissa Youngblood said she disagrees with McDonald.

"I want him to continue winning, because I feel that he will be a good president and will make good decisions for our country," Youngblood said. "He supports the Constitution and will better our debt situation. I think that he has the best interest of the American people at heart."

The South Carolina primary will take place on Feb. 20, the same day Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton have the Democratic caucus in Nevada.



Courtesy of Hayley Waldron
Hayley and Harrison Waldron enjoy a snow day in Nashville, Tennessee, on Feb. 9. Harrison Waldron is currently recovering from a traumatic brain injury and is scheduled for surgery on March 10.

Waldrons readjust after five-month hospital stay

By Rachel Brackins
Head Copy Editor

On Aug. 14, 2015, Harrison Waldron was involved in an all-terrain vehicle accident from which he suffered traumatic brain injuries. Due to the seriousness of his condition, he was med-flighted to Erie, Pennsylvania, to undergo emergency surgery. Overcoming a period of uncertainty, Harrison Waldron was moved from Pennsylvania to Atlanta, Georgia, to the Shepherd Center, a spinal cord and brain injury rehabilitation facility.

Over the past six months, through multiple surgeries, many hours of therapy and countless prayers, Harrison Waldron has been slowly recovering, according to his wife, Hayley Waldron.

On Wednesday Jan. 27, the couple moved home to Nashville, Tennessee, to continue the recovery process. "The greatest blessing since coming home is being surrounded by our family and friends," Hayley Waldron said. "We felt so isolated in Erie and Atlanta. The people who know us best are here in Nashville, and as we go through the most difficult time of our life, it is such a blessing to simply be known and to be loved."

While Harrison Waldron has limited movement, his mental cognition is still intact, and he is able to communicate using an iPad.

"(I find joy in) faith in God and the doctors," Harrison Waldron said via iPad. "And the prayers have helped."

According to Hayley Waldron, the simple fact of being able to do small, every day things brings her joy.

"Some fun things Harry and I get to do together are basically just normal things that I would have taken for granted before his accident," Hayley Waldron said. "More recently, these include sleeping in the same tiny twin hospital bed, making trips to Sonic and the grocery store and going for walks outside. I have been doing everything alone for months and poor Harrison didn't even get to leave the hospital. For us, fun is having each other and being free."

Hayley Waldron said that the next few months will be challenging, especially as she adjusts to being her husband's primary caregiver.

"I think a couple of the greatest challenges of not being at Shepherd are the lack of sleep that I get, since I am the one getting up at night to help Harrison clear his secretions and turn him to one side or the other, and the increased responsibility in caring for Harrison," Hayley Waldron said. "I'm not a therapist by any stretch. Sure, I learned a lot at Shepherd, but I feel an immense pressure to help Harrison rehabilitate while I balance caring for his physical needs and making sure I am scheduling doctor appointments and shipments of medical supplies. It's really a full-time job, and it's one that I am so happy to do. My love for Harrison makes

each challenge seem simple to overcome. And with God's help, I know we will adjust to our new normal and the challenges will seem less troubling."

According to Hayley Waldron, Harrison Waldron will eventually start Vanderbilt's outpatient rehab program, Pi Beta Phi. His cranioplasty surgery, in which fabricated plastic bone flaps will be placed in his skull, is scheduled for March 10. Hayley Waldron said her husband reports headaches frequently, and she suspects that those headaches, among other things, will discontinue after the surgery.

Strength and encouragement come from in many forms, Hayley Waldron said. Whether it is friends who bring lunch or strangers reaching out on Facebook, the consistently thoughtful acts help to strengthen the couple daily. Most importantly, according to Hayley Waldron, she also gains courage from her husband.

"I definitely gather strength from Harrison," Hayley Waldron said. "You could easily think it's me who keeps him strengthened and encouraged, but he is the one who keeps my spirits up. His attitude throughout this whole process has been simply beautiful and every day I know that if he can be strong, then I can be strong, too. Harry has always made me more confident and fearless. He's always been strong where I am weak, and that's still true even in this situation. He's my hero."



New Barbie in town

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Watch out — there's a new girl in town and her name is Curvy Barbie. Growing up I had a huge collection of Barbie dolls. I had Beach Barbie, Sporty Barbie, Ice Skater Barbie, Supermodel Barbie, etc. My two sisters and I had more Barbie dolls than you could count. We would play with them every day, and they were a huge part of our childhood. I loved Barbie, and I looked up to her as my role model. She was everything I wanted to be, and I often acted out my hopes and dreams through her imaginary life: becoming either an Olympic ice skater or "America's Next Top Model." She was perfect, and I wanted to be perfect.

But age has left me bitter towards Barbie. I now blame her for making me feel inadequate; for making me think I had to be tall, thin and tiny-waisted to be beautiful. I now understand that these are unrealistic standards. However, I had to go through a lot of pain and suffering to learn this. I know that Barbie didn't mean to hurt me, but unfortunately, her perfect body did. Growing up I struggled with a distorted view of beauty, and I have the battle scars to prove it. I believed that being beautiful meant being perfect, and I have always been the furthest thing from perfect. But times are changing, and Barbie is too. She is no longer "perfect." The creators of Barbie have just released a new line of Barbie dolls called the "Fashionistas" that come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Women come in all shapes and sizes, so shouldn't Barbie? The new Barbie is an "evolving doll" that comes in a variety of shapes, skin tones, eye colors and hairstyles. She is meant to

stand for female empowerment, to prove to girls everywhere that no matter what shape you are, anything is possible. I applaud the designers at Barbie. I am proud that they have finally decided to change their doll's shape in order to build girls up, rather than break them down. Even though this change is long overdue, it's better late than never. According to a British study conducted in 2006, "girls exposed to Barbie reported lower body esteem and greater desire for a thinner shape than those who had been given dolls reflecting larger body types or no dolls at all." I hope that these new dolls can change this statistic and teach girls to love themselves, rather than harm themselves. Curvy Barbie is more than just a doll; she's a symbol of women empowerment and true beauty. **AMANDA FLOYD is the head photographer for the Bison. She may be contacted at afloyd4@harding.edu.**

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don't mind me...



Viva la Super Bowl

I never saw the end of the Super Bowl. If we're being honest, I didn't know who was playing until the week before. If we're being even more honest, I think we were all winners from the moment pre-show coverage began, because the world got to watch Tom Brady take his seat in the stands. Come on, somebody had to say it. Coldplay and co., however, were the unequivocal winners of Super Bowl 50. At halftime, the stadium was bathed in a rainbow flair, reminiscent of Coldplay's latest album cover. The amount of color alone made Levi's Stadium look like it was designed by a team of "My Little Pony" fans. In my humble opinion, this was not a football game with a halftime show, but rather a stellar halftime show sandwiched by mediocre sportage. Before you jump down my throat, let me try to explain myself. I am aware of the controversy surrounding Beyonce's "Black Panthers" tribute, but aren't enough people talking about that already? Let's focus on the redeeming attributes of last Sunday's show. 1. Chris Martin was wearing what appeared to be light-up sneakers. In retrospect, I do not know if they actually lit up, or if the teal-and-pink design was simply reflecting the electric rainbow emanating from within the heart of the stage. Regardless, they were the kind of shoes I thought I had outgrown 11 years ago. But if Coldplay's frontman can wear them, so can I. You all have my 2016 Christmas list now. Don't disappoint me. According to SB Nation, Martin's shoes were designed by his son (which, if you have even glanced at a cover of People Magazine in the past year, is especially sweet, since Martin and Gwyneth Paltrow went through a relatively messy split in 2014). I have always admired Martin for being an inimitable presence in pop culture; his latest footwear only reinforces that respect. Faceless Twitter users made nasty comments about Martin looking like "the kind of preschool teacher you don't let your kids stay after school with." I disagree. Yes, Martin is famous — or in this case, infamous — for singing, dancing and dressing like nobody is watching. But this past Sunday, he knew there was at least one person in the audience. He knew his son was out there. Go ahead and mock that, @biebergirl447. 2. Whether knowingly or not, the guest performers played up a strong "Grease" vibe in their leather-themed, throwback dance-off, especially appropriate in the wake of the positive reviews following Fox's recent stab at live TV theater. Bruno Mars' T-Birds and Beyonce's Pink Ladies met around the 50-yard line and cut loose to a resounding "Uptown Funk"/"Formation" medley, and I think we can all admit that it was exactly what we had been waiting for in life. This aspect of the performance also paid homage to Michael Jackson's 1993 halftime show. Beyonce said in an interview with Essence magazine that her specific outfit had been designed to honor the late pop star's mid-90s military motif. 3. It was a fun show, for people on both sides of the TV. During the entire eight-minute performance, I couldn't believe how much fun the performers were having. Even when Bruno and Bey faced off in an ominous moment of pop-star rivalry, I could see smiles breaking out at the corners of their mouths. And except for a few beats of unnecessary twerking from the Pink Ladies, it was a show that wouldn't tempt a conscientious mother to change the channel until halftime was over. I respect that. The moment that sealed the deal for me, however, was the last second or two of on-air TV coverage. It was not easy to spot if you weren't looking for it, but all three performers threw focus to the crowd as the music ended. There was no final tableau. Instead, the camera panned out over a sea of wild-eyed fans — the lucky football fanatics who had the privilege of witnessing the greatest Super Bowl halftime show of all time. Well, except for Michael Jackson in '93. Or Janet Jackson in '04. That was a joke. Calm down, all you conscientious mothers. Don't change the channel, I'll be good.

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FACES IN THE CROWD

"WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?"

Sara Berglund, Freshman	Bailey Wareula Freshman	Robi Gammill, Freshman	Jake Faulkner, Freshman
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"Yuck Don't ask me that."

"I have Spring Sing practice."

"I'm actually going to a candlelit dinner. Um, just kidding. I'm not doing that."

"My grandfather died recently, so I'm going to spend the weekend with my grandmother."

Finding the whole story

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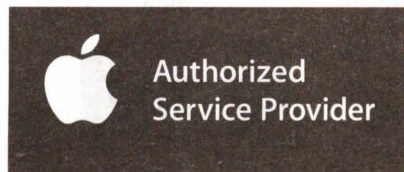


Where do you get your news? Do you solely rely on social media? Or do you go to a higher authority — perhaps the newspapers or the news channels on the television? I personally just have the apps downloaded to my phone. Both the New York Times and the CNN app usually give me enough information to hold a semi-intelligent conversation about current events. But the problem with all of these different media outlets is that we never get the whole story. I realize that it's impossible to hear every side of every news story that comes across our newsfeed, but the thing we should be cautious of, as consumers, is always believing everything we read. Always have in the back of your mind the thought "What are the reporters not telling us?" or "Whose voice hasn't been heard in this situation?" No one is a bigger spokesperson for this point than Conley Gibbs Jr., the minister of the Ferguson Heights Church of Christ in Ferguson, Missouri. When Gibbs was on our campus on Feb. 1-2, he made a point to tell us that Ferguson, despite the shooting of an unarmed teenage boy by a police officer on Aug. 9, really is a safe place. However, the media have focused all its efforts on reporting the strife between the police force and the community. And as a result, the entire U.S. thinks Ferguson

is a hotbed of racism and turmoil. The media give the impression that this issue has polarized race relations. I do not believe all African-Americans have the same view. Neither do I believe that about all Caucasians. "In fact, the news would have you believe all the protesters are African-American and that all the Caucasians are outraged about the protests," Gibbs said in chapel. "There is a vast, considerable number of Caucasians of all ages who participated in the protests. Many Caucasians share the concern about excessive policing, economic disparity and the injustice they witness in the treatment of others." What the media is not reporting is the

positive effort the community is making towards restoring peace. Another minister from the town of Ferguson, Joe Costephens, has been organizing various community service projects all over the city since the shooting. Many others like him are also pouring their time and resources into similar projects. The point of all this is: be wise. Be cautious. Be savvy when you take in information. Do some digging on your own if you are curious about a story. Don't just be consumers, because the media can paint a pretty bleak picture of our world. Be intelligent, be informed, be light-bringers. Recognize that there is still beauty in humanity. You'll be better for it.

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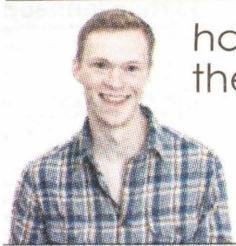
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And the greatest of these is love

Let's get right into it. My mom works for a Sheriff's department in Oregon. She knows many sergeants and is good friends with a lieutenant. She cracks jokes with cops and has had rubber band wars with detectives. I have always admired these men and women. They chose to spend years in college to learn how to protect the weak and the innocent.

So when I overhear several students in my classes talking about police brutality and white-on-black violence, you can imagine that my pulse quickens. Most of the time I shake it off and remind myself that no matter how I would come my argument, it just wouldn't work out correctly. I clench my jaw and keep quiet.

I grew up with an African-American best friend. In case you haven't visited the rainy state of Oregon, there are interracial couples everywhere you look. The idea of racism is nearly non-existent because the majority of the population holds the idea of love at the core of who they are.

When the court ruling was announced in Ferguson, Missouri, protestors in Portland, Oregon, chose to gather on the public Morrison bridge. A team of officers in full riot gear were called out in the middle of the night to protect them from passing cars on the freeway. Protestors tried to push past the officers, screaming at them and spitting on them — throwing the water bottles that were provided for them back in the officer's faces. I watched on television as one officer — and close family friend — stood idle as he was hit and yelled at by the crowd.

It's odd to me that an event that took place 2,033 miles away could ripple this far, and how the blame could be put on a group of men and women who weren't present in Missouri. That evening in Portland, officers were being attacked by those who they had sworn to protect.

Around the early 1940s, the Judeo-Christian set of values gained popularity among the common people. This concept talks about strictly Biblical principles. Regardless of the religion behind the Bible, Judeo-Christian values are accepted as "the right way to live." In fact, Dwight D. Eisenhower used the phrase himself, saying: "our government has no sense unless it is founded in a deeply felt religious faith and I don't care what it is. With us of course it is the Judeo-Christian concept, but it must be a religion that all men are created equal."

Most of us at Harding come from a Christian background, but our nation as a whole was built on a set of morals that, even without Christianity, still focuses on treating men and women as equals no matter what. I could project my frustrations about mistreated officers all day — and I might be right to do so. However, even putting my personal religious views aside, I have a duty to my country to love all men equally no matter how I feel.

Maybe we can all learn something from the Portland Ferguson rally. Whether or not we choose to believe that injustice took place in Ferguson, we have a duty that drowns out both opposing sides to let it go through Judeo-Christian values. As Dr. Elijah Anthony said at this week's ASI event, "I don't believe there is anything we can do about this other than learn to live with it and be the best we can be."

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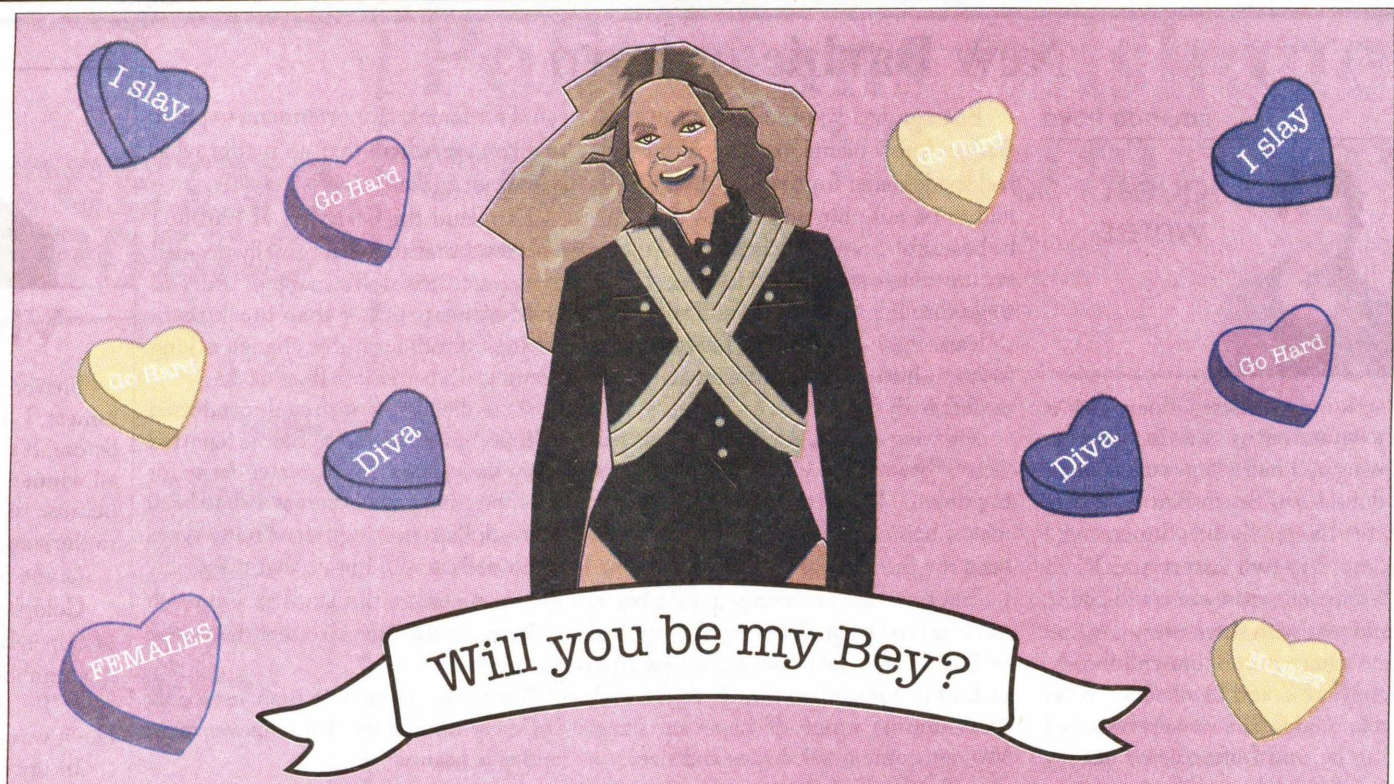


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From infinity to infinity

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I thought I would use this opportunity to explain what life looks like in my shoes and for the majority of other African-American females today. You may think you know who we are just by looking at us, but most likely you're mistaken. African-American singer India Arie once wrote, "I am not my hair, I am not this skin and I am not your expectations." I find myself wanting to echo these same words, because it seems that African-American women are still being reduced to these same shallow characteristics today.

The media loves to focus on our hips and thighs instead of on our souls and bright minds. There have been many times in my own life when I've been told that I'm pretty "for a black girl," that I'm well-spoken "for a black girl," and that I'm intelligent "for a black girl." However, my question is: why is this a standard that society has fixed upon

me? Upon us as a group? Civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer coined the phrase, "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired," and I think I've just about reached the same breaking point. I'm sick and tired of people petting my hair like I'm a dog because they think my hair is "fascinating." I am sick and tired of being told that I "talk white" because my parents taught me how to speak proper English. Furthermore, I am exasperated with the stereotypes that black women have been given, which express how we can't change our circumstances, that we aren't worth anything and that our voices don't matter because we have two things going against us each day.

The fact that we are not only women, but that we also have a high concentration of melanin in our skin, leads many to think that we should just accept the hand that we have been dealt, but I believe I was born to bite it. As a black female trying to enter into the business world, I constantly feel like I have to second-guess myself before answering a question in class, or work twice as hard as my peers just to prove that I belong. Yet throughout American history we've had women like Alice Walker, Rosa Parks and Dorothy Height demonstrate the capacities of African-American women when we set our minds to achieve something.

Yes, I understand that you may not be African-American — you may not even be a female — and therefore you're lucky enough to not be able to empathize with the experiences we face daily. I know my thoughts can't change the world, but I hope I've been able to change your perspective on who we are.

At this point you may be thinking that I'm in need of your pity, but that isn't going to do me or any other African-American girl any good. Queen Latifah once said "Love a black woman from infinity to infinity." However, the problem we face today is that we aren't taught or encouraged to love ourselves, and therefore society doesn't know how to love or encourage us either. I refuse to accept this reality, and I hope that there is a small part of you that does too. Yes, we are different and many times misunderstood, but we were created by the same creator and should be loved and treated as such.

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Just the Clax

Oscar mired

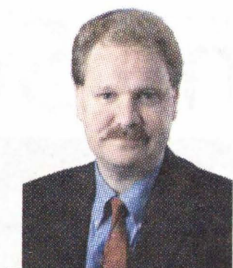
I don't know why I do this to myself every year. When February rolls around it's always the same mad scramble. The daily visits to Hastings, overpaying for popcorn at the local cinema, and even trekking to Little Rock in search of second-run matinees. There are long nights and way too many credit reels. Yes, once a year I try to pack 12 months' worth of movie-going into a few short weeks, racing to get up-to-speed on Hollywood before the Oscars.

In a classic episode of "Seinfeld," Elaine has given a fake phone number to a would-be suitor, just to get rid of him. But to her dismay, she realizes the paper she wrote the number on was her punch card for Atomic Subs. Only one punch away from a free sandwich, she goes through an elaborate scheme to get the card back. Jerry mocks her absurd effort, but she explains that she's eaten 23 lousy subs to get that free one, and she's not throwing it all away.

Jerry then slyly asks, "Is there a Captain's hat involved in this?" Elaine looks down and mumbles, "Maybe."

The Academy Awards are my Atomic Sub. I don't like half the movies I make myself watch. They seem to get stranger and bloodier and more preachy every year. But every nominated film I see gets me one punch closer to having seen them all. And what does that get me? A better understanding of American cinema? A finger on the pulse of last year's best films? No, what I really want is a shot at understanding all the in-jokes during the Oscars.

So when Jonah Hill showed up at the Golden Globes in January wearing a bear



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costume, I was clueless. But last week I sat through all two hours of Leo DiCaprio crawling half-dead in the snow after being mauled twice by a grizzly. It was one bleak and horrifying scene after another. I didn't sleep well for two days. But now I totally get Jonah's gag.

Too shallow, you say? Surely you realize that very few people see movies or read books or watch TV series just for the event itself anymore. It's all about understanding the late-night show references and Internet memes later. Why else would I have been mired up to my knees in Tom Hardy films all month? Because Stephen Colbert might do a bit on them.

Last Saturday, I put myself through the winding maze of downtown Little Rock to see two films in one night at the Riverdale 10. In retrospect, it may not have been good for morale to watch "Spotlight" and "The Big Short" both at the same time. One deals with the Boston priest abuse scandal, while the other exposes the fraudulent banking practices that collapsed the housing market in '08. It was a rather dispiriting midnight ride

home to Searcy afterwards.

The low point of last week, though, may have been my four-day "Mad Max" marathon. Friends told me I didn't need to see the original three Mel Gibson films from the 1980s in order to understand "Fury Road." But I am an academic. We have to try to understand things in context in case we have to explain it later. It's why people pass us by in the hallway without making eye-contact. Anyway, after binge-watching the "Road Warrior," I feel like I've been to a week-long monster truck rally in the mud. Complete with a flame-throwing guitar. Seriously.

But it hasn't been all scandal and bears and post-apocalyptic gloom. There was, after all, "Shaun the Sheep," the stop-motion animated film that follows a family of woolly animals who escape the farm for a vacation. On the lamb, so to speak, they had a grand time. Anyway, I also liked "Bridge of Spies" and "The Martian," now that I know that if I'm ever stranded forever on Mars, I can grow potatoes and Skype with my friends.

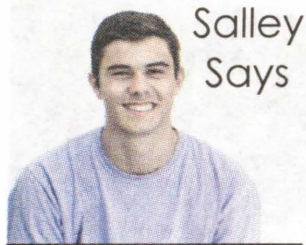
So when the Oscars ceremony airs Feb. 28, I'm sure I'll be ready for all the jokes. That is, if I can finish all 18 Rocky movies in time to catch "Creed."

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Salley Says

Low hopes for US futbol

It's almost spring, and it's almost club soccer time (after two years of waiting). So let's talk about the beautiful game and the number-one question everyone has about it: Will the USA ever be a power in soccer?

No.

The USA will never be a consistent player on the world stage and here are all the reasons why:

Players—We don't have them. No matter what anyone says about how we could have the best players in the world if we would get our best athletes to play soccer at a young age, it's just not true. Landon Donovan is the prime example. He's probably the best American player ever, and Germany had 10 guys better than him on their 2014 World Cup squad.

National Support—We don't have it. Sure, we'll all go crazy and lose our minds in patriotic euphoria when the World Cup comes around, but we do the exact same thing for any Olympic sport. Everyone knows Americans will get behind any competition involving us against the world, but that doesn't mean the game has any kind of support once those big worldwide events end.

TV Exposure—We have some but it's terrible. Major League Soccer (MLS) gets the ESPN2 afternoon slot on Sunday after bowling. Even the best teams in the world in the best leagues in the world have to play on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. on Fox Sports. A "big soccer game" here is never going to be big enough to overcome a big football or basketball game for primetime TV slots.

Strong leagues—We absolutely don't have them. This goes hand-in-hand with having good players, but it also ties in with the lack of exposure in the U.S. No overseas players are coming here in their prime to have no one watch them play on a bad team. Sure, you get guys like old Thierry Henry or old Kaka or old David Villa. But that's chump change compared to other leagues around the world.

Soccer culture—This is the biggest obstacle, because we just don't have it. Culturally, the U.S. will never be a soccer nation. The only thing that could possibly alter the landscape here is if we were to win a World Cup. The fact of the matter is, we live in the country where football, basketball and baseball were all invented. That's a huge mountain for soccer to overcome.

The U.S. is dominant athletically, but as we get better at the sports we care most about, the sports we only sort of care about are going to become diluted. That's soccer's real problem: it isn't a priority to our people. Until it is, don't expect us to ever be one of the big boys.

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Basketball splits with Oklahoma Baptist

Lady Bisons escape with win, Bisons drop second straight GAC game

By Caleb Rowan
Asst. Sports Editor

The men and women's basketball teams traveled to Shawnee, Oklahoma, on Saturday, Feb. 6, each looking for a season sweep of Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU). The Bisons and Lady Bisons had each posted victories over OBU earlier this season, 79-65 and 81-70, respectively.

After having its five-game winning streak snapped two days earlier against Southern Nazarene University (SNU), the men's team looked to rebound against OBU, but was outplayed in the second half in an 86-78 loss.

According to junior guard Will Francis, who

scored 21 points in the game, the Bisons missed shots early and lacked defensive intensity throughout the game.

"What it boiled down to was (the fact that) they wanted it more than we did," Francis said. "I mean, that was their first win all semester, so they were hungry for a win."

The Bisons trailed by four points at the break, but OBU shot 54 percent from the field in the second half. This marked the second straight game that Harding has allowed an opponent to shoot over 50 percent in the second half, as SNU shot 70 percent from the field in the second half.

"Sometimes our best offense is when we can

get a rebound and get out quick and get easy looks in transition," Francis said. "When the teams you're playing are making shots, it becomes harder to get the easy ones, so where it all starts with us is playing hard on the defensive end."

The Bisons committed 27 fouls in the game, the most the team has been whistled for since its season-opening loss against Minnesota State University-Moorhead. In contrast, OBU was called for 19 fouls.

"We probably worried too much about the officiating there for a little bit in the second half," Francis said. "But you can't let that affect your composure—you just have

to play through it. (We) credit them, they did a good job attacking us inside and that's where they got a lot of the foul calls."

The Bisons remain in a tie for second place in the Great American Conference (GAC) standings with a record of 11-4.

The women's team had a more successful road trip, securing a 66-60 win over OBU after defeating SNU 82-60 earlier in the week. Five Lady Bisons scored in double digits in the victory, which kept Harding in 2nd place in the GAC standings.

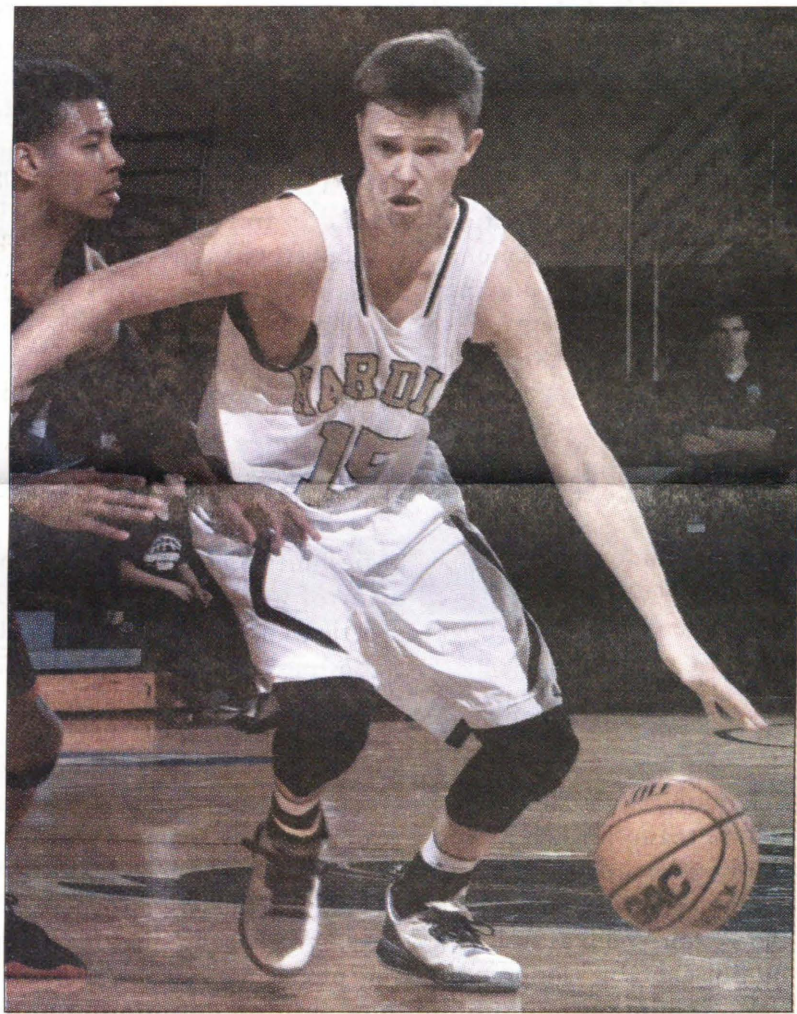
According to sophomore forward Sydney Layrock, tough defensive play has kept the team in games as it has battled the injuries

of junior forward Corrie Moyer and freshman center Sydnie Jones.

"One thing coach Kirby told us was that we since we don't have a big inside presence we have to focus on our defense," Layrock said. "We've worked on it hard in practice so we'll be prepared for teams who really like to attack the paint, and our defense is what's been holding us together so far."

The Lady Bisons recorded seven steals and forced OBU to 30 percent shooting in the win.

Both teams will play Ouachita Baptist University on Saturday, Feb. 13, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The Lady Bisons will tip off at 1 p.m., and the Bisons will follow at 3 p.m.



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Sophomore guard Falan Miller drives during the Lady Bisons' 66-62 loss to Henderson State University on Jan. 23, while senior guard Jacob Gibson dribbles past a Northwestern Oklahoma State University defender in the Bisons' 84-64 win on Jan. 28.

Baseball falls short versus Delta State

Despite series losses to top teams, Bisons' mindset, resilience unchanged

By David Salley
Sports Editor

The Bisons baseball team hung tough over the weekend, but were ultimately swept by perennial DII power Delta State University (DSU) on Feb. 6-7, in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Head coach Patrick McGaha said that despite the losses, there were still positives to take away from playing close with a team of that caliber.

"We ran into a really good club," McGaha said. "They're a top-25 team and really back to the Delta (DSU) of old. They had solid hitters one through nine, their pitching was good—they'll probably win the Gulf South Conference this year. So I think the message for us was that on the road, in a tough environment,

against a team like that, we had a chance to win two of them."

The Bisons took a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning of game one on a single from freshman infielder Blake Coward that scored senior catcher Davis Richardson and sophomore first baseman Grant Guest. But in the bottom of the inning, DSU responded with four runs of their own and then tacked on three more in the bottom of the fifth to pave the way to an 11-5 victory.

Games two and three were both decided by a single run. Game two was a defensive battle after the Statesmen struck with a two-run homerun in the first inning to take a 2-0 lead. The Bisons got one run back in the third inning and stayed in the game behind strong pitching

from senior Hunter Payne, but ultimately fell 2-1. In game three, the Bisons carried a 4-3 lead into the bottom of the ninth inning, but the Statesmen scored two runs to steal the game and the series sweep.

Senior centerfielder Harrison Hunter said that, while losing is never what the team hopes for, it knows it is not far from where it wants to be after its first two series of the year.

"We didn't get the results we wanted, but as a team, we realized that we can compete with anyone," Hunter said. "Playing a top-10 team last week in St. Edwards and standing toe-to-toe with them and then going against Delta State (DSU) helped us believe. Losing two games by a run stinks, but we were

right there. That's a good sign of things to come headed into conference play."

The Bisons, who now sit at 1-5 on the year, will get another chance for their first series win of 2016 this weekend at home against Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU). McGaha said he is not discouraged by the slow start and he knows they have a long season ahead of them.

"My message to the guys was that we hit a rough spot last year, we looked up and we were 5-10 to start the season but kept battling, and at the end of the year had a chance to win the conference championship," McGaha said. "We say all the time that baseball is a marathon, it's not a sprint. For us it's definitely not

how we start, but it's how we finish."

Hunter agreed with McGaha and said that nothing has changed in the team's approach to each game and their high expectations for themselves this year.

"We are still going to compete the way we need to compete to be successful, and we will continue to practice the way we need to practice to be successful," Hunter said. "Anything else is just outside noise. Hopes are definitely still high. We have 40-something games left and plenty of opportunities to get to where we want to be come May."

The Bisons start their series against OPSU today with a doubleheader at noon and 3 p.m. at Jerry Moore Field in Searcy, Arkansas.



AMANDA FLOYD | THE BISON

Junior catcher Maegan Hall swings and hits a ground ball down the third base line during the Lady Bisons' 12-0 win over Christian Brothers University on Jan. 30. The Lady Bisons will play in the University of Arkansas Monticello Softball Classic this weekend in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Softball faces stiff competition at Hawkins Classic

By Presley Nixon
Student Writer

The Lady Bisons softball team took home one win after battling on Feb. 6 in the Ronnie Hawkins Memorial Classic, hosted by Ouachita Baptist University (OUA).

According to head coach Phil Berry, the Lady Bisons knew they had strong competition going into the tournament, and that they were playing four high-quality teams.

After dropping two close games on the first day of

competition to Northwestern State University, the Lady Bisons came ready to play Sunday morning, and won their first game of the day against Mississippi College, 7-6. The Lady Bisons were the first to get on the board when junior utility player Brookelynn Moon singled in the bottom of the second inning. Mississippi College scored three runs on three hits and two errors in the top of the fourth inning. The Lady Bisons got a run back in the bottom of the

fourth when junior infielder Amanda Berdon scored on a passed ball. Harding took a 7-4 lead with three runs in the bottom of the sixth and held on to win 7-6.

According to Berry, although Saturday's results were disappointing, the team knew it fought hard against difficult competition, which gave it some confidence going into Sunday.

That confidence was flowing from freshman pitcher Ashley Smith, who picked up the win

after pitching three innings and was later named Great American Conference player of the week. Smith said that she enjoyed pitching against such strong batters.

"It helps the team to grow in every position, whether pitching or on the field," Smith said.

Although the Lady Bisons lost their final game of the weekend 4-1 to Missouri Western State University, junior outfielder Courtney Derrick said that the team was glad to pick up a win and also find

some elements of their game they needed to improve on.

"I am excited to practice, tweak a few things, and go into this weekend strong," Derrick said. "I expect a lot of wins out of this weekend and for us to show what we are really capable of."

The Lady Bisons are 3-3 and will end their non-conference games next weekend after playing in the Arkansas-Monticello Softball Classic on Feb. 12-13, in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Harding Apocalypse breaks in new players in 2016

By Claire Patton
Student Writer

The men's ultimate Frisbee team placed 10th overall out of 24 teams in the USA Ultimate Antifreeze Tournament in Houston, Texas, on Jan. 30, to kick off the upcoming season.

The team, known as the Harding Apocalypse, is led by senior captains Kendall Lowe and Aaron Webb as well as a "junior captain," sophomore Caleb Tomlinson.

Lowe said this season is a "rebuilding year," explaining that most of the team consists

of freshmen and sophomores, many of whom have had no experience in the sport.

Both Lowe and Webb said they already see a lot of potential in the new team members and believe the team can go to sectionals and regionals this year, as well as compete with DI schools.

"We have a good crop of new guys," Webb said. "They're all very promising; we had a really good turnout, and we have a very strong team this year."

Besides the tournament played the weekend of Jan.

30, the Apocalypse will play in the Dust Bowl Tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Feb. 27-29, and the Greatest Crusade II Tournament in Irving, Texas, in March, according to Lowe.

Lowe said the team's performance in the sectionals tournament in April will determine its eligibility in advancing to the regional and subsequently national competition.

"I think we have potential to go to regionals and nationals," Lowe said. "Last season we went to sectionals and finished second."

According to senior Tim Kirby, in order to be able to play in sectionals, a team must have played at least 20 games.

"Two tournaments would easily cover (the 20-game requirement)," Kirby said. "But we always like to have a third (tournament) just in case and for experience."

Kirby said that since there are not many other collegiate teams in the area, the Apocalypse's competition mainly relies on tournament play.

"If anyone challenges us, we'll gladly stomp them," Kirby said.

Apocalypse players to keep an eye on this season are sophomores Ben Osteen and Nathan Perkins, as well as Tomlinson, according to Lowe.

According to Webb, the team sticks to its mantra, which the players say in group huddles before games and practices: "play hard and glorify God." After each game the team always invites their opponents to join them in prayer.

"It all ends on a positive note," Webb said. "At the end of the day we're all friends, and we all play this sport that we love."

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Valentine's Day plans?

Practice for Tech on Monday.

Movie night with bae.

Taking my girlfriend on a date and using our gift cards from Christmas because we are broke.

Practice, dinner and a movie.

Church and the caf, unless my friends want to splurge on Mi Pueb.

What celebrity would you most like to be your valentine?

Jordan Spieth.

Dylan O'Brien.

Montana Lewis is my first choice, but Sofia Vergara from "Modern Family" is second.

Carrie Underwood

"The Fight Club" version of Brad Pitt.

Go-to love song?

"She Will Be Loved" - Maroon 5.

"Kiss the Girl" - "Little Mermaid."

"She's Everything" - Brad Paisley.

"The Only One For Me" - Brian McKnight.

"Here in Your Arms" - Hellogoodbye.

Favorite romantic comedy?

"13 Going on 30."

"Sweet Home Alabama."

"The Proposal."

"Hitch."

"500 Days of Summer."

Students win top awards at debate tournament



AMANDA FLOYD | The Bison

Freshman Jack Allen and junior Ryann Money hold past trophies while reflecting on their wins at the Southern Forensics Championship Tournament at Louisiana State University Jan. 31. Allen received the title of Arkansas Novice State Champion Speaker and Money earned the title of Southern Forensics International Public Debate Association Varsity Arkansas Champion.

By Jantzen Teague
Student Writer

Debating in a tournament, Black Friday shopping and selecting a chapel seat — what do they all have in common? More than one might think. Not only does each impose fear and panic on the body, especially leading up to the event, but each also has potential for wins, losses and prizes.

Fear and panic paid off in the end for debaters junior Ryann Money and freshman Jack Allen on Jan. 31, when they walked away from the Southern Forensics Championship Tournament at Louisiana State University with high-standing awards.

Money won the title of Southern Forensics International Public Debate Association Varsity Arkansas Champion and Allen won the title of Arkansas Novice State Champion Speaker.

Allen said he joined the debate team at the end of last semester after checking it out with a friend, and the Southern Forensics Championship tournament was his first competition.

“(The debate team) keeps me very informed, and it keeps me more educated about things that I would never be connected to if it wasn’t for debate,” Allen said. “So while it helps me improve my public speaking and helps me become a more logical thinker, it also keeps me connected to the world.”

Money debated in high school and met with debate coach and professor of speech Dr. Pat Garner at Summer Stampede before her freshman year. Money said this is the

highest divisional award she has ever won.

Money said the team was preparing to leave the tournament when a tournament faculty member ran after them with a trophy. Money said she originally felt she did not perform well, but was excited she had won and hopes for opportunities to better her speaking skills.

“(Debating is) definitely nerve-wracking, but it’s also really addictive,” Money said. “Every single tournament, you kind of have new ways of presenting argumentation, or you learn something maybe about the way you speak ... it’s all about adapting.”

According to Garner, the camaraderie of the group and the increase in knowledge and skill are what he hopes students to take away from being on the debate team.

“I think (debating is the best activity) I know of for the development of critical thinking skills, and to learn how to think on your feet, to construct, to present your ideas in a coherent form in a short period of time,” Garner said.

According to Gardner, intercollegiate debate is the oldest competitive activity that still exists on campus. Debate tournaments date back to Harper College in Kansas before today’s campus came to be, according to Gardner.

The team has one more competition this semester, and according to Money, Allen and Garner, the team looks forward to the hectic pace of the tournament environment along with the chance to learn something new.

Senior vice president receives service award

By Brittany Simers
Student Writer

Dr. Jim Carr, senior vice president, started his 29th year as a Harding faculty member with considerable excitement after learning he had been selected as the recipient of the 2016 Community Service Award from the Arkansas Martin Luther King Jr. Commission (AMLKC).

The AMLKC presented the award to Carr at the annual celebration of King’s life on Jan. 18, in Little Rock, Arkansas. The event featured several entertainers and keynote speakers, including gospel singer Melvin Williams and Arun Manilal Gandhi, the grandson of Mohandas K. “Mahatma” Gandhi.

Carr said he was surprised and honored to receive the award, which rewards the recipient’s promotion of different cultures as well as community involvement.

According to Carr, growing up in the South during the period of integration and high racial tension influenced him to spend his later life promoting racial equality. Carr said that one event particularly impacted his view on racial conditions.

“I grew up in Tallahassee, Florida, and my house was beside the Florida State University athletic complex,” Carr said. “A bunch of kids from the neighborhood would

play football there. One day, five or six African-American young men wanted to play with us, and the university police immediately asked us to leave.”

Carr said that memory is a vivid reminder of the unfortunate circumstances of racism.

“I have always thought there could be better relations between races, even as a young man,” Carr said. “I wanted in my adult life to see greater racial harmony than when I was a youngster.”

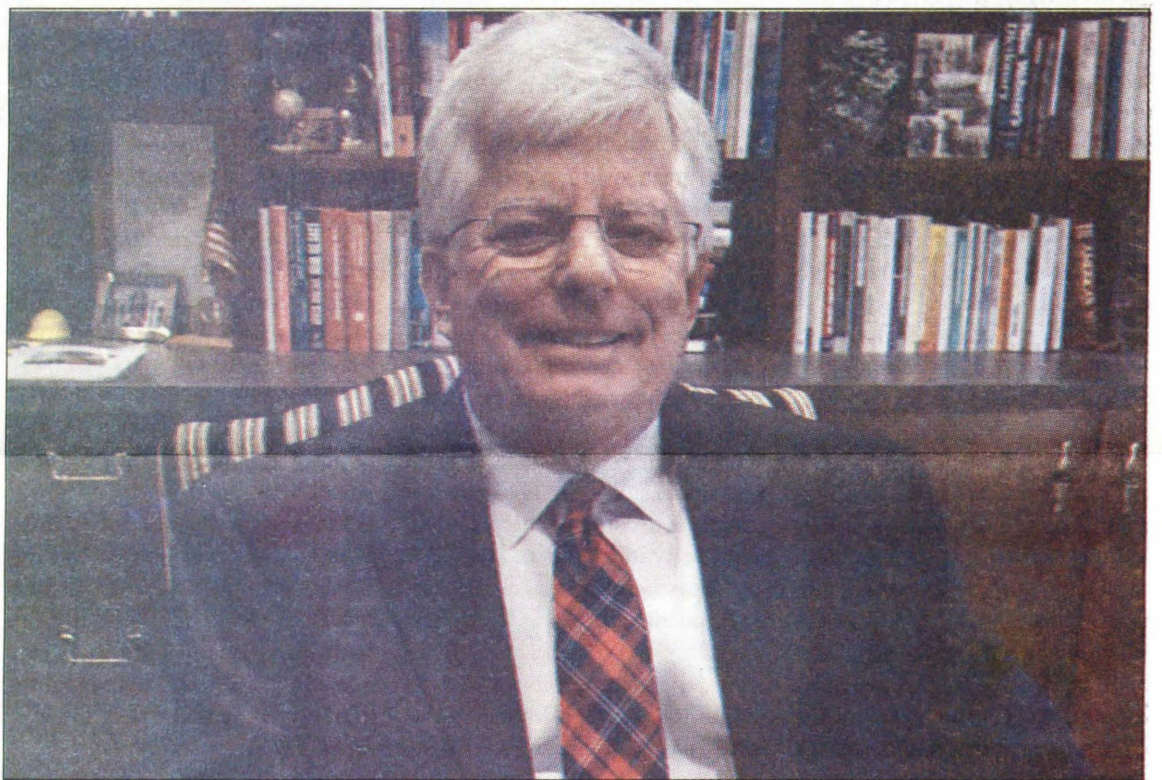
Carr said his primary responsibilities on campus include ensuring strong and dynamic enrollment levels and working closely with the American Studies Institute, the Walton Scholar program and the China Scholar program.

Carr is not only active in improving racial relations through his career, but he also exhibits the same spirit in his life outside the workplace, according to Dr. Mike James, dean of the Honors College.

“Religiously, politically and academically, (Carr) has always been a leader,” James said. “If it’s something he’s passionate about, don’t get in his way because he’s going to be a leader.”

Carr’s ability to lead made him a strong choice for his recent award, James said.

“Look at someone like Dr.



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Dr. Jim Carr, senior vice president, is working through his 29th year as Harding faculty. Carr received the 2016 Community Service Award from the Arkansas Martin Luther King Jr. Commission on Jan. 18.

King,” James said. “Leadership is not just directing — it’s making someone want to follow you. I think people want to follow Dr. Jim Carr.”

Tiffany Byers, director of multicultural student services, said it was no surprise to her that Carr was chosen by the AMLKC to

receive the Community Service Award.

“He’s always been very open to helping,” Byers said. “It’s refreshing to know that we have those at Harding like Dr. Carr.”

Byers organized a group of students to attend the AMLKC’s celebratory event of King’s life,

where Carr received his award.

Carr said his favorite part of the celebration occurred after his recognition.

“I was so honored,” Carr said. “But the highlight was after I walked out of the complex and saw a group of Harding students cheering for me.”

Students and professor grow beards and build cabin

By Haley Anzalone
Student Writer

A group of Harding students are chopping down trees and living out their childhood dreams playing real-life Lincoln Logs 30 minutes away in Joy, Arkansas.

Juniors Locke Adair, David Taylor and Daniel Evans, sophomore Trey Davis, and freshmen Mitchell Mayes and Hayden Mathews, along with a few others, are using a piece of land and its resources as their only means to build a log cabin on the site. Dr. Scott Adair, associate professor of Bible, is leading the group of men in their efforts. According to Locke Adair, the men have made a pact not to shave their beards until the cabin has a roof.

“The pact is more of an encouragement to actually build it,” Locke Adair said. “Because we know it would be a good thing to have, do and build.”

According to Locke Adair, it started when he and his father watched the movie “Jeremiah Johnson.” Locke Adair said Jeremiah’s bearded, mountain-man lifestyle from the movie inspired the Adairs to start the no-shaving pact.

“Once you set some parameters, like not shaving, it makes the goal to complete the cabin more realistic,” Mayes said.

Locke Adair said he and his father

talked about the idea of a cabin project his freshman year, but after a few trees were cut down, schedules got busy and the project soon died out. Two years later, the logs and machetes are being put to use. Davis said the men are most productive when they get a big group together on the weekends to work.

According to Locke Adair, the plans are to create a 13 feet by 22 feet, one-room cabin that can be used for camping, hunting or just hanging out. He said the project has not cost anything so far because the logs used for the project are sourced from the trees on the property. Locke Adair said once the group starts to work on the roofing and flooring, there may be some associated costs. He said he plans to spend his spring break on the land camping out to work on the cabin.

According to Taylor, working on the cabin with the group has been an enjoyable experience.

“There isn’t anything manlier than growing out a beard and building a log cabin out in the middle of nowhere,” Taylor said. “We are all just teaching ourselves as we go. Scott (Adair) is also sharing a lot of safety advice and his basic understanding of tools with us.”

According to Davis, the individuals in the group who work on the cabin changes,



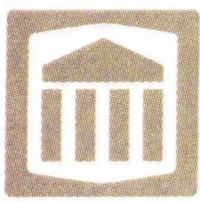
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Junior Locke Adair, alumni Jackson Shamblin and Jeremiah McAlister work on building a cabin in Joy, Arkansas. Locke Adair and his father Dr. Scott Adair initiated the building of the cabin.

so anyone who is willing to put in hard work and time is welcome to join. Davis said the thought of building a cabin with his friends while using materials from the land excites him. Davis said although

the project requires a lot of hard work, it is very rewarding.

“There is something about a tree falling and smashing the ground that is pleasing to a man,” Davis said.



Waffle House to host 'Valentine's Day dining experience'



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Waffle House is creating a night of romance at participating locations across the country. In Arkansas, locations in Malvern, Hot Springs, Bryant and Morrilton are currently taking reservations.

Italian Club to host fundraiser dinner

By Kaleb Turner
News Editor

Look no further for Valentine's Day plans. The Italian Club is hosting an authentic Italian dinner with live music on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. at the Lightle House. The proceeds from the event will benefit the Remo Jacuzzi scholarship fund, which aids students studying Italian at Harding, according to associate professor of foreign language and Italian Club sponsor Dr. Joli Love.

"It's going to be all Italian recipes," Love said. "It's going to be a sit-down dinner. We're going to make homemade pasta with homemade red sauce and homemade Italian desserts."

Sophomore Michela Giordano, a member of the Italian club, will be assisting Love with cooking the meals for the evening. Giordano's father is from Italy, and many of the recipes featured will be from her family.

According to Giordano, the menu includes a bruschetta appetizer, salad, homemade pasta, Chicken a'

la Giordano, Involtini di Melanzane and strawberry yogurt parfait.

"The event will be a good opportunity for something different," Giordano said. "It's not just a restaurant. It's going to be a lot more personalized than that. The event will be at the Loves' home; and it's a beautiful place with a great environment."

Italian Club members will be assisting throughout the night in serving the meal and providing support during the event. Love said she hopes the event will raise more money for student scholarships and promote the activities of the Italian Club on campus.

According to Love, the club, which includes 37 students, offers a place for members to continue their Harding University in Florence experience, provides scholarships to Italian-studying students, and promotes support opportunities for Italian charities, devotionals and missions.

Junior member Noah Watson said it is important to have an

experience beyond the boundaries of one's culture and Italian Club offers just that.

"It's a great opportunity for students," Watson said. "It's also easily accessible for students. It doesn't require you to go overseas and hours and hours on a plane. You can still get a taste of the Italian culture right here."

Giordano and Love invite Harding students and Searcy citizens to the event to support the Italian Club and to enjoy a unique Valentine's Day experience.

"I think we're going to have a great night," Giordano said. "It's going to be a romantic and fun time for all that attend."

Tickets for the event are \$25 per person, \$45 per couple or \$80 for a table of four. Roses will also be available for sale for \$5. To RSVP, visit bit.ly/icsanvalentino or call Love at 501-230-8756. The Lightle House is located at 605 E. Race Ave. in Searcy, Arkansas.

By Garrett White
Student Writer

It's Feb. 13. You have nowhere left to turn. You've run out of ideas and the clock is ticking away, counting down the seconds until you have to finally make a choice and stand by it. You've given everything you have and are ready to quit. You get in your car and drive looking for something, anything, and then you see it: a bright yellow sign. Suddenly everything makes sense, and you realize it was there staring you in the face all along.

For the ninth consecutive year, select Waffle House locations will offer customers a Valentine's Day dining experience that attempts to shed the appearance of the regular diner and transform itself into a five-star restaurant.

You can say goodbye to the paper napkins, wooden tabletops and regular menus, and say hello to cloth napkins, white tablecloths adorned with candles and rose petals, and specialty menus with new meals specifically for Valentine's Day. You even have to call ahead to reserve a table.

Valentine's Day doesn't always have to be a huge ordeal where you go to a fancy restaurant and order \$30 lobster bisque. If you and your date both love breakfast food, why not enjoy breakfast food? Besides

the regular menu items like waffles, eggs, bacon, sausage and hashbrowns, you can order a special Valentine's Day T-bone steak. What says love better than a juicy steak and some bacon and hashbrowns? Probably adding a chocolate chip waffle as well.

Instead of getting all dressed up, driving to Little Rock to wait for 40 minutes to be seated at a super nice restaurant and paying \$50 for a meal, you could make it a cute, simple date by reserving a table and eating some waffles.

In Arkansas, Waffle House only offers the Valentine's Day special at select locations in Malvern, Hot Springs, Bryant and Morrilton, but why not make that into a fun trip and drive there?

Imagine: Valentine's Day comes. You pick your date up but don't tell them where you're going. You told them to dress casually but come ready with an appetite. You drive listening to the radio, cracking jokes the whole way there because it's a fun, stress-free evening, but your date still doesn't know what's in store.

You pull into the Waffle House parking lot, get out of the car and lead your date inside. You sit at a booth, look your date deeply in the eyes, and say, "Happy Valentine's Day. What kind of waffles do you want?"



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On Saturday, Feb. 13, the Italian Club will be hosting an Italian dinner at the Lightle House at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each, \$45 per couple or \$80 for a table of four.

Chi Sigma Alpha uses 'Assassins' to build brotherhood

By Erin Raimondi
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Betrayal may not be the first word that comes to mind when thinking about brotherhood and trust-building, but for men's social club Chi Sigma Alpha, it is. The annual Chi Sigma Alpha game of "Assassins" began on Feb. 1.

"Assassins" is a game that requires rubber band shooting skills, savvy stalking methods and strategic thinking. Each active member of the club, including the queens, is assigned another member in the club as a target. The objective of the game is to eliminate the target by

shooting them with a rubber band. Once the rubber band comes in contact with the target, he or she is eliminated from the game. The successful player then receives the eliminated player's target. If two or more people are surrounding a player, the kill does not count. Therefore, settings such as chapel, class and work are off-limits. The players must figure out the target's class schedule, dorm, etc. while also avoiding his or her own assassin.

"At first you do a double take (at your target) because you are like, 'surely not,'" senior Chi Sigma Alpha member Aaron West said.

"Surely this human being has not wondered out on his lonesome ... and then you sort of get this welling blissful feeling deep inside of you of pure joy. And then the killing instinct takes over and your eyes narrow, your pupils dilate and you know it is time to make a move."

Since every participant in the game has another player as a target, it naturally creates a circle. Solving the order of the circle of names can be the key to winning the game. Joining an alliance is a good strategy for members trying to debunk the circle of names, although alliances can easily be

broken, which adds to the suspense. "No matter how awful you are to your friends in trading them and selling them and betraying them, you're always still friends after the game is over...hopefully," West said.

The last two players left in the game are named "godfathers" for the following year's game. Juniors Brett Favano and Zachary Ferguson are the "godfathers" for this year. The "godfathers" are in charge of creating the circle, administering the target names and settling disputes — basically acting as referees.

"My freshmen year, Assassins was one of the things that got me to meet a lot of the upperclassmen," Favano said. "Not that I did not already know them, but it gave me more of a reason to actually talk to them. Rather than just admiring them from afar — I actually interacted with them."

With 110 members playing this year, the game could last for well over a month. Although it is just a game, the tradition of Assassins is successfully bridging the gap between the freshmen and the upperclassmen of men's social club Chi Sigma Alpha.

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